Donors of Rare Blood Rounded Up to Save Two Lives

Teamwork by the Red Cross, six blood donors and Royal Jubilee Hospital almost certainly saved two lives in Victoria this week.

A patient at the hospital was slated for operation yesterday morning. Set aside for the operation were six bottles of his blood type — the rare O-negative.

Tuesday at 1.50 p.m. Saanich police brought to the hospital's emergency ward Robert Coley-Donahue, 30, of 4985 West Saanich.

He had cut his foot badly while chopping wood, severing tendons and blood vessels just above the toes. Police applied a tourniquet, but he still lost a large amount of blood. His type? O-negative.

When he arrived at the emergency ward, the bottles of O-negative set aside for the operation had to be used. Three were applied at once in transfusions; the others held in reserve for his treatment in the operating room.

Question arose of replacing the O-negative for yesterday's operation.

A call went out to Mrs. Violet Thistle of the Red Cross blood doners' service.

Few have this type of blood, but Mrs. Thistle had some names on her list. The first six she called were all she needed. They came to the clinic, along with a doctor from Royal Jubilee Hospital and other assistants.

Within a few hours, the necessary six bottles of O-negative were waiting for the scheduled operation.

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Plus Food for the Soul

Feed for Derelicts

Inhabitants of Victoria's Skid Road are invited to an Easter Sunday morning breakfast of sausages and eggs, fried potatoes, toast, jam, coffee — and a message.

Invitation is issued by Ernie Welsh of the Salvation Army's Harbor Lights mission, 550 Yates, who said yesterday he expects maybe 80 derelicts will attend.

The breakfast will be worthwhile if only one man manages to get some spiritual sustenance in addition to a feed.

"Maybe just one soul will see the light . . . will see there is something better than bumming around the Skid Road," said Mr. Welsh, 58, a man who five years ago was on Vancouver's Skid Road himself.

"There's a Skid Road in Victoria, too," he said, "even if the chief of police does deny it.

"What's more, there are a lot of people in the Uplands who are on a Skid Road physically and mentally."

Mr. Welsh said the same power is waiting to help the people with "sick souls" in the Uplands as for those on lower Johnson Street.

But the 8.30 a.m. breakfast is for the lower Johnson Street types, he said, "and as long as they come and get a ticket beforehand, they're welcome."

Flaunting Of Siren To Cease

City fire wardens have instructed the fire chief to check and prosecute more of the drivers who ignore fire sirens and flashing red lights.

"People have got to realize that emergency vehicles have the right of way," fire wardens' chairman Ald. Curtis said yesterday.

He said the wardens had taken this action even before the Lanford ambulance was involved in two collisions Sunday in the city.

City Services

Calvary Will Be Recalled

Christ's agony on the cross and his death at Calvary, nearly 2,000 years ago, will be commemorated in Victoria this Good Friday with a three-hour service in Metropolitan United Church from 2 to 5 p.m.

Congregations of all churches belonging to the Victoria Ministerial Association are expected to fill the church to overflowing to hear the age-old story of the last earthly hours of the Saviour.

CHRIST ON THE CROSS

Sermons of seven ministers will describe part of the time Christ spent on the cross in those last minutes on earth.

Speakers will be Revs. Douglas Carr, I. I. Nadiger, Harry Pike, Laura Butler, Ralph MacDonald, W. B. Airhart and H. K. Johnston.

Singers from St. Aidan's United, Fairfield United, First Baptist, Metropolitan and First United will compose the choir.

ANGLICAN, CATHOLIC

Congregations from all Greater Victoria churches are expected to attend, except those of the Anglican and Catholic faiths.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Stephen S. Bayne, bishop of Olympia, Wash., will conduct a three-hour service starting at noon. Children's service will be at 9.30 a.m. Mattins and ante-communion will be at 10.30 a.m. with the sermon by Rev. R. E. H. Howell. At 5.15 p.m. there will be evensong.

Oak Bay United Church choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Vera Barclay, will present the cantata "Man of Sorrows," written by Oak Bay organist James Saunders, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium, Granite and Mitchell.

CANTATA

The cantata was written by Oak Bay organist James Saunders. Solists will be Mrs. Margaret Christison, John Bray and Robert Williams.

Canon George Biddle, of St. John's Anglican Church, will preach on "Faces About the Cross" during the traditional one-hour service starting at 11 a.m.

Rev. J. Lewis W. McLean, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will conduct a one-hour service in the church at 11 a.m.

At Belmont United Church, Rev. T. L. W. Lanceley will conduct a service starting at 11 a.m.

$13,000,000 for Clearing

Shrum Hearing Hears Buttle Battle Clamor

Getting the Facts

Getting the facts about what it's like to be a Mountie from RCMP's Cpl. C. N. Wicks is Jerry Wilson, 19, of 3112 Douglas. Jerry was one of 250 students of Victoria High School's graduating class who attended vocational counselling session last night at National Employment Office.

Repercussions Yesterday

The "battle for Buttle Lake" had repercussions in yesterday's Shrum royal commission hearings.

R. C. McMordie, acting general manager of B.C. Power Commission, said the publicly-owned utility was forced to spend more than $13,000,000 on clearing 7,969 acres along the shoreline of Buttle and Upper Campbell lakes before a power dam raised the water level by 19 feet. (See also Page 2.)

He said the sale of timber cut during clearing operations amounted to some $5,000,000 which reduced the net cost of the operation to just over $8,000,000. At one time 670 men were employed on the clearing job.

Stringent regulations for preserving Buttle Lake were imposed by the provincial government after conservationists spearheaded an outburst of protest against spoiling the area's natural beauty.

Mr. McMordie said clearing costs on Buttle Lake went as high as $2,125 per acre, with the contractor receiving additional payment for timber cut over the estimated volume.

"It's incredible," said Dr. Gordon Shrum. "How are we going to get across to the people of this province that this has to be paid for out of the power rates?

"We've been getting briefs from people who claim the cost of power should come down. If the people of this province want to set such high standards, they must expect to pay more than they do for power elsewhere where standards are not so high."

Shrum commission is currently inquiring into over-expenditures of $19,000,000 on original estimates for building the $35,000,000 Strathcona power development with a dam below Upper Campbell Lake.

Library Closed

Victoria Public Library will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday but will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Happiest Boy in Town

Happiest boy in the city yesterday was Rickey Wheeler, 4, of 117 St. Lawrence, surrounded by 10 German shepherd puppies at home of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coutu, 88 Dallas Road. Puppies, all strong and active, are from the same litter.—(Colonist photo)

School Board Aim:

Break Barrier For Misfit Boys

A bold move to hold the interest of boys of average intelligence who plan to leave school before they are 16 is planned by Greater Victoria school board.

This September it will institute a "work while you learn" class for some 20 "average youngsters" who plan to enter industry but have no qualifications for a technical job.

"This is an effort to do something for the average and low average boy," said Harvey Mickelson, director of mental health for local schools.

"These are not dull boys. They just don't seem to fit into our educational set-up at present."

Most are 15 and a few 14½ and they are planning to quit school at the end of this term because they are bored with academic courses.

Mr. Mickelson said a "real barrier" exists for these boys who leave school before they are 16. With increasing technical requirements it's no longer easy to join the services. Most employers won't take them unless they're pretty capable. And provincial government technical schools have relatively stiff entrance requirements.

"We are trying to bridge that gap," he said. "Ideally we want to make them more mature, to face the world of work and their own particular predicament.

"But even if we can only keep them busy for a year, we will have helped them surmount this very real barrier that is facing them."

Contracts Given For Sooke Schools

Contracts for two new three-room elementary schools in Sooke School District 62 have been awarded to D'Arcy Construction of Victoria.

Tender for Millstream School and Saseenos School totalled $74,000, a board spokesman said.

They are expected to be completed by Aug. 15.

Around the Island

New Airline Bid Backed

CAMPBELL RIVER — A parade of witnesses at an Air Transport Board hearing here yesterday supported the application of a proposed new airline to serve northern Vancouver Island and adjacent areas.

The new Island Airlines, headed by Robert Langdon, is seeking to supply service in an area already covered by B.C. Airlines. The latter firm is opposing the application.

Mr. Langdon is a former local base manager of the airline he is now seeking to compete against. He was employed by B.C. Airlines until about two months ago.

His bid for a class 4, group C charter commercial licence to operate an airline out of Campbell River was supported yesterday by Campbell River village commissioners. Several of those who appeared criticized B.C. Airlines' present service as inadequate.

Village commissioner A. D. Corker told the hearing the village commissioners wholeheartedly supported the idea of a competing airline and that increase of population warranted it.

He said the area had become increasingly "airminded" since Campbell River was dropped from the boat service itinerary of the Northlands Navigation.

Logging broker Walter Spentz of Vancouver, representing 35 logging outfits, told the board examiner Harold R. Younger that inadequate B.C. Airlines' service in delivering spare parts for logging machinery had caused delays. Single passenger fares were not available, making costs prohibitive, he said.

Mrs. Mary McMillan, part owner of the Glenlivet Logging Co. at Whaletown, said loggers had been idled through the delay, but had to be kept on the payroll at $20 to $35 a day per man.

Provincial public health nurse Mrs. Ann Grant, who serves school district 72 said no single passenger planes were available and two-passenger plane fares had to be paid for at a cost to the taxpayer. She said she often had to wait for service.

Langdon proposes a 35-cent a mile for single passengers as against the B.C. Airlines present "two-passenger" rate of 48 cents.

Mrs. Evelyn Crumm, former dispatcher for B.C. Airlines told the examiner service was inadequate as passengers could not be accommodated at peak periods.

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PARKSVILLE — A year of outstanding progress was outlined at the annual meeting of Little Qualicum Credit Union at Coombs.

In his annual report R. J. P. Higgins, treasurer-manager, announced a net surplus of $6,532 and total assets of $267,801 for 1958. This was compared to total assets of $220,446 for 1957.

Vice-president Arnold Van Horne said the Credit Union group had purchased outright the building in Parksville in which the offices are located.

Preston McGowan, chairman of the credit committee, announced that a total of 240 loans were granted during the year amounting to $153,365 and of this sum $129,369 had been repaid.

Directors elected were Mrs. Grace Osolin, Parksville; Mrs. Norma Antrim, Little Qualicum; Walter Green, Errington; and S. M. Humphrey, Qualicum Beach.

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DUNCAN — An increased tempo in the road program of North Cowichan municipality has become evident this week with extra men and machines being hired. Additional work is being done on secondary roads with the provincial highways department paying half the cost. An additional $10,000 has been allocated by the province from the 1958 budget. This has been matched by the municipality and more winter work provided.

Most of this will also come under the federal government assisted winter work program.

COURTENAY—Tenders for the new Courtenay River bridge, long needed in this area, will be called early in April, Comox MLA Dan Campbell announced yesterday.

The bridge is expected to cost approximately $300,000 and will take six to eight months to build.

Approaches to the new bridge will be straight as compared with the angled approaches to the old bridge and it will also carry an 18-inch water main.

Plans for the erection of a new Courtenay bridge actually started 20 years ago and it has been long sought by the Chamber of Commerce, service clubs and residents generally.

"It is a dream of 20 years come true for residents of the Comox Valley," chamber president Douglas Inkster said.

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NANAIMO—Albert Venuti, 69, a retired miner who has worked 800 volunteer hours on granite replicas of giant salmon for a downtown fountain here, yesterday disclaimed credit for the creations.

He said the granite salmon were designed by George Norris of a Vancouver sculpturing firm, and "I am only his assistant."

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DUNCAN—Funeral services will be held Saturday for Miss Laura Mary Moore, 76, who died in King's Daughters' Hospital, Sunday.

Born in Ontario, she had been a resident of Cobble Hill for the last 23 years. She was very well known, having operated the Island Home Nursing Hospital at Cobble Hill.

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NANAIMO — Unemployment figures for this area are more promising this March than they were last. Jack Clark, manager of the local National Employment Service office, reported 1,043 men and 368 women drawing unemployment insurance benefits. This time last year, there were 2,132 men and nearly 400 women drawing unemployment insurance.

Pilgrims to Carry Cross Over Malahat

Close to 50 men, women and children are expected to take part in an interdenominational walking pilgrimage from Nanaimo to Victoria, recreating Christ's journey from the Pretorium to Golgotha on the first Good Friday.

The "Pacific Cross" pilgrimage, under the sponsorship of the Newman and Newman Alumni Clubs of Victoria and with the support of the Catholic Youth Organization of Greater Victoria, will begin after the evening mass in Nanaimo at 8.30 p.m. Thursday.

The mass commemorates the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Eucharist by Christ.

A solid wood replica of Christ's cross, nine feet long and six feet wide, will be blessed during the service. During the 70-mile walk, the 120-pound cedar cross will be carried by three pilgrims at a time.

The procession will stay overnight at Ladysmith, leaving the following mornnig for Duncan.

At dawn Saturday morning, they will leave Duncan for Langford, walking over the Malahat, to Langford's Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, for the ceremonies of the blessing of the new fire and Easter candle, and the first mass of Easter commemorating the Resurrection of Christ.

At dawn Sunday morning the pilgrims will leave Langford for the walk to St. Andrew's Cathedral where they will attend the solemn High Mass of Easter Sunday.

Three pilgrims at a time will carry the cross for 10 minutes. Each hour there will be a 10-minute pause and every four hours there will be a longer pause for rest and a meal.

Some of the pilgrims will walk the whole distance with the cross, others will join and leave the pilgrimage as they tire, or they have to.

Some 17 Victoria residents have already registered for the pilgrimage and they will journey to Nanaimo by car and train.

Similar pilgrimages are being held throughout the world.